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SUBJECT: CHARGE DELIVERS BULGARIA YEMEN MANPADS DEMARCHE

REF: A. STATE 169075

[B](#). SANAA 1316

[C](#). 03 SANAA 3010

Classified By: Charge d'Affaires Nabeel Khoury; reasons 1.5 (b), (d).

[1](#). (S) Summary. Charge delivered reftel demarche to Yemeni Ministers of Foreign Affairs and Defense on August 11. Both denied the ROYG was engaged in, or had any information about an illicit third-party arms deal for Bulgarian SA-14 MANPADS. End Summary.

[2](#). (S) Charge delivered reftel demarche to Yemeni Foreign Minister al-Qirby and Defense Minister Alaiwa. He emphasized that the possibility of such a deal was particularly troubling, in anticipation of A/S Bloomfield's visit to Yemen to discuss U.S. assistance in buyback and destruction of these weapons. The Defense Minister denied any knowledge of the deal. Al-Alaiwa asked Charge if we knew the name of the middleman involved, and could we please pass on the information?

[3](#). (S) Comment: On several occasions, MFA reps mentioned to USG officials FM Qirby's decision to inform Yemen's embassies abroad of the cancellation of previously issued end-user certificates for weapons imports and Saleh's initiatives to impose new restrictions on purchases, refs b and c. How the ROYG handles this issue in upcoming talks will A/S Bloomfield will be indicative of the seriousness of its expressed intent to stem the smuggling of weapons in and of Yemen. End Comment. KRAJESKI